

Disaster avoided through mitigation measures.

Home Elevation Works

SKAGIT COUNTY, WA — By going an extra foot, David Mischke of Burlington saved his investment and his renter's roof. When Mischke built his rental home a year ago he elevated it a little higher than county regulations demanded. So when the October.. 20-21 flooding came to Skagit County, his rental property was a safe 5-feet above the water.

"Elevation worked as advertised," he said. "I'm delighted by the outcome." His renter was displaced for a couple of days, but there were no property losses associated with the flood. "Just a little washing after the water receded," Mischke said.

Acting as general contractor, Mischke elevated his house as county regulations instructed. The 100-year flood level is gauged at 43-feet and the county insists new homes be elevated to 44-feet, one foot above flood stage. Mischke took no chances; he elevated his house 45-feet. It was a good investment. "My renter has a dry home and my rental income is uninterrupted," he said.

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Top to bottom: David Mischke standing in front of his dry home.

Built last year, David Mischke's rental home remains high and dry after this year's flooding.

Mischke's home stands in the Nookachamps Basin, a primary drainage area for the Skagit river.



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